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## THE MAN IN THE CAR

## THE STUDY HOUR

## DIDN'T LIKE HIS NAME

## JUSTICE AND RIGHT

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## HE CALLED ON PEGGY

## DOING SOMETHING

Roland Hallam was a young man who during his short life had displayed a remarkable faculty for getting what he wanted in the world. As he was one of the favored sons of wealth and society, when he announced to his friend Bernard, that he had determined a certain young lady they had just passed upon the street should become his wife Bernard quietly believed that he would succeed.

"But who she, and where did you meet her and why didn't you bow to her?" Bernard asked.

"Never met her. Never saw her until yesterday. Didn't how because she doesn't know me from Adam. But I have found out who she is. Her name is Annette Lindel, daughter of Jason Lindel—the man who made a fortune out of the milk trust."

"Hum!"

"You can have all you want to. The girl is all right and I propose to marry her."

"Of course you can do that. Any girl will stoop to pick up the handkerchief that Roland Hallam, the millionaire, condescends to drop."

That set Roland to thinking. Next day clean built, neatly dressed young man called upon Jason Lindel with an application to become his chauffeur, and he was accepted on the spot.

"And now for the conventional love drama," murmured Roland, alias George Bronson, chauffeur.

Coincident with the engagement it was announced that Roland Hallam had gone west for the season.

As the days passed Roland had many chances to present himself in his most attractive light before the lady of his heart. Annette evidently looked upon her chauffeur with something akin to admiration.

Then came a narrow escape for him. As he was standing by the auto, waiting for Miss Lindel, Miss Graham, with whom he in his proper character as Roland Hallam, had called on a wild flirtation the previous summer, passed the Lindel residence. He turned quickly to avoid recognition, but was too late.

"Why, Mr. Hallam, I thought you had left the city—I certainly heard you had gone west, and I have not seen you for ever so long. What are you doing here? Calling on Miss Lindel?"

Just then the door of the Lindel residence opened and Miss Annette appeared. But Miss Graham, passing on with a smile and a nod, did not see her.

"What was Miss Graham saying to you?" Miss Annette asked suspiciously.

"She was admiring your new car," the chauffeur replied with a touch of the hat.

"Ah, indeed!" with a searching look at the chauffeur.

"He is a real gentleman," she confided to her father the evening after the Graham episode. "I should wonder if he is one who has met with reverses."

"Shouldn't wonder," was the father's brief comment. "Hallam gave him a fine recommendation."

Roland Hallam repeated Annette, and then suddenly she began to do some serious thinking.

"As a chauffeur," she said to herself, "I could be polite. As Mr. Hallam, masquerading well, I think he needs a calling down and I believe I am the girl that can do it."

But the incident had this advantage in Roland's favor. It caused Annette to study her chauffeur more than she otherwise would have done, and then to compare him with other men. What was he here for? A wager? She consented being a party to it. The thought of this being one way of wooling never entered her practical head.

Her riddle was solved one day when Roland, tired of futile waiting, turned to her abruptly as she was seated in the auto before her father's office.

"Miss Lindel, will you be my wife?"

"I am not entirely desirous; I once had a fortune and it is not absolutely necessary for me to be a chauffeur."

"Oh, indeed!" murmured Miss Annette demurely.

"And if you will be content with a modest flat—I have one on Ninety-third street."

"I adore flats."

"Then you will be my wife?"

"I confess I rather like you."

"There is no time like the present. I will take you while you are in the notion," said Roland as he spun the car around and headed it for the nearest church.

"But the license?"—the princess asked.

"I have it here," the chauffeur replied.

"Ah!" in a tone and with a flash of the eye which boded no good to the chauffeur.

As they were leaving the church half an hour later Roland said:

"Now for the Ninety-third street bat."

"Yes, Roland, no doubt it is very nice, but why not go direct to your own home on Fifth Avenue?"

Profound.

"Was Doctor Burum's address very learned?"

"I should say so! Some of his words were long enough for a dozen small boys to 'skin the cat' on."

Like Producing Like.

"That singer has a velvet voice."

"Yes, that's where she gets her voice."

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It was an exceedingly dull day for small boys. Paul had never before been quite so thoroughly impressed with the emptiness of existence as he was just then. Idling around the corner of the house kicking his heels.

He had reached that sickening point where there is nothing to do. When a grown-up person arrives there can throw on his hat and go to the club or, if he is a woman, she can rush down town and catch things sent home from the stores.

In the goodness of her tender heart Peggy had said, "If you're too young to be wildly interesting, but evidently he was desperately interested in her and the sooner he should be put out of his misery, the better."

The first time Peggy had ever dreamed of his thinking seriously of her when he had asked her to his fraternity dance a few weeks before, but since that night his desire to have an interview with her at home had seemed to be feverish and constant.

She said to herself as she dressed for the evening that she must disconcert the foolish boy. So she arranged her golden locks in the newest fashion and put on a distractingly becoming old rose gown.

"Now," she resolved, as she showed her dimples to the vision in the mirror, "I must lead him away from the dangerous topic."

In pursuance of this womanly determination, about ten minutes after his arrival she bluffed a pause in the conversation by remarking archly, "I hope you have an awfully good reason for insisting on coming to see me tonight."

"Whoah!" said Paul, grandly.

Then he slumped the lines a little against the trotter's sides and made a pecking noise.

The horse backed and sidestepped and Paul, in terror, jerked the lines hard and cried "Whoah!" loudly.

Young Beulah flushed to the roots of her hair. "I—how—that?" he asked.

"There must be a good and sufficient reason why this call had to be paid tonight," she repeated, "because I gave up a perfectly good seat at the opera to let you come."

"What? Say, now, I'm ashamed of myself! I wish you had told me that when I came."

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# A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A TRUE STORY OF THE SECRET SERVICE

By COL. H. C. WHITLEY

Former Chief United States Secret Service

**T**HIS was pretty lively about Washington during President Grant's administration. The great, the near-great and the shabby genteel politicians were to be daily met with. Each had an axe to grind. It was a busy day for adventurers and sharpers. Every device that human ingenuity could invent was in vogue for money-making purposes. Men of respectability when at home often turned crooks after sojourning at the nation's capitol for a time. The war had left its demoralizing influence upon many and the opportunities for acquiring wealth were numerous and varied. For a long time before General Grant took his seat in the president's chair, there had been a looseness in the administration of government affairs resulting in organized frauds that would not be tolerated in this day.

The Credit Mobilier conspiracy, the whisky ring and many other monumental steals were being carried on in high-up official and private circles. The big fellows set the pace and the smaller crooks following about the city felt quite safe in taking a hand in what was going on. Some of the devices resorted to by the lesser fellows were quite ridiculous. I will dislodge one of these schemes for the purpose of exhibiting the folly of some of the jokers of that day.

Shortly after President Grant's inauguration in the spring of 1869, he sent a messenger with a note requesting me to call at once at the White House. On entering his office I found him at his desk. He pointed to a nearby chair and bade me be seated. Reaching into a drawer of his desk he took out two long black cigars and handing one of them he bit off the end of the other and put it between his teeth. Straightening back in his chair, the big black cigar was pointed upward at an angle of about forty-five degrees. As the smoke curled lazily above his head I saw that there was something in his manner indicating that his usually placid temper was flled. Picking up a package of letters from his desk he turned towards me and said: "Here, Colonel, is a matter that needs your careful attention. During the last few days I have been receiving these letters. I want you to make an investigation at once. The persons engaged in this work must be punished. It is an outrage. It is probable that there is more than one person in the scheme."

President Grant spoke with great earnestness, and I saw that he was not a little disturbed and that his idea was to let no guilty man escape. The circulars he handed me were printed in letter form and had been sent through the mails to many postmasters throughout the south and west. The circulars read as follows: "I give them verbatim.

Executive Mansion, Washington,

Oct. 12th, 1872.

Memorandum of conversation between the president and his secretary. Secretary—I wish to refer this telegram of Senator Morton's to the president.

To the President:

"A conspiracy has been formed to overrun southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio and to keep the colored vote from the polls in the southern states. Several thousand nonresidents will vote in Indiana. Men and money are needed. I send a man to you who has been in their council."

O. P. Morton.

President—Yes, I have thought that matter all over, and had a long talk with the man the senator sent. What does Mr. Cook say about money? You know that we have none, and that the committee's money is all necessary for the regular business.

Secretary—Mr. Cook will furnish you any amount you require.

President—Very well, I will take the responsibility. Have Captain C—select a dozen men to go west and south with funds and organize. The mere fact of a good organization will deter lawless bodies from attempting to defraud the people at the polls.

Additional conversation, March 24th, 1873.

Secretary—Mr. President, have you determined how you will reimburse Mr. Cook for the money furnished last October?

President—Yes, I have. The bishop has suggested Rev. J. Hale Barney to act as secretary in the matter. Appoint him immediately, and as our mails are so large and go to clerks to be arranged and broiled before we see them, you will have all letters on the subject addressed to him. Call upon our friends and allow no one to contribute over ten dollars, and to prevent publicity and trouble, direct the remittance to be made by a single ten dollar note. Replaced letters, drafts, or express would necessarily tend to publicity. Mr. Secretary, you will make an alphabetical list of every contributor, to which we can hereafter refer.

## Development of the Argentine Lines

Railroad Coaches Valued at \$2,000,000 Are Being Bought by the Argentine Republic.

The fact that the Argentine Republic is buying in Wilmington railroad coaches valued at \$2,000,000 calls attention to the recent remarkable development of the railways of the great southern republic.

According to the November Bulletin of the Pan-American Union, dur-

at once. Others were surprised and doubtful as to their genuineness and forwarded them to the president with a letter of inquiry. Taken altogether it was a most remarkable affair planned and carried out in a reckless manner. The report of the detective sent to capture the schemer furnishes a chapter of racy reading.

It was discovered that a lady who rented furnished rooms at No. 428, Sixth street had sometime prior to the discovery of the forgeries received a letter from a man signing himself Rev. J. Hale Barney. He said he was a Methodist minister and that he would be absent from the city much of the time attending to the duties of his circuit, but he wanted to hire a good lower front room in her house for office purposes and a place to sleep and the delivery of his correspondence. He explained further that he had been appointed executive secretary of the Christian Brotherhood.

The lady thought it was a rare opportunity to secure an occupant of distinction. She had great confidence in Methodist ministers as she leaned that way herself, and she answered favorably. In a few days a large trunk was forwarded by express. It contained an aperture in its top through which letters could be dropped. There were also forwarded two large cards upon which was printed "Rev. J. Hale Barney, Executive Secretary of the Christian Brotherhood," one to be hung upon the door, the other in the window of the room. Money was sent to pay a month's rent in advance.

These letters were discovered to be circulars addressed to postmasters and others. The "nice man" arrested was searched and the marked money was found in his pocket. It was now certain that Rev. J. Hale Barney and the individual arrested were one and the same. The silent young man upstairs was suspected and arrested. His room was searched and a large number of printed circulars and envelopes addressed to postmasters were found.

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easily secured a key to fit it. He had several circulars printed in facsimile of the original to be used as decoys. These were postmarked and given the appearance of having been sent by postmasters in the south.

Some of them contained marked money. Excuses were made in others; money would be sent in course of time. Some of these letters were signed, "A Friend of the Cause," "A Sympathizer," "Depend Upon Me," etc. A letter carrier was made use of and the detective was kept posted in regard to the delivery of the letters.

When the "nice man" occupying the room back of the parlor was absent the letters contained in the trunk were examined by the detective. A short time after the return of the "nice man" he was seen to slip into the parlor through the rear door. The detective again examined the trunk. The letters were gone. Shortly afterwards the "nice man" occupying the room back of the parlor was arrested while in the act of dropping letters into the postoffice.

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The Huia Is One of the Rarest Species That Exist Anywhere in the World.

Aukland, N. Z.—Here is a picture of a male and female huia—one of the rarest species of birds that exist anywhere in the world. The huia are also the most domestic.

"As you see in the picture, the male huia is pecking on the bark so that his wife may find her food. The male has a strong, sharp beak; the female a slender, long, incurved beak. So the male takes upon himself the burden of the heavy work in finding food.

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**ALL GAY**



First Tramp—The doctor as ordered me a bath.

Second Tramp—You do look pleased about it.

First Tramp—E's ordered me a mud bath.

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### The Breed

Stella—is her coat Persian lamb?

Bella—is Podunk mutt. Judge.

Tightness across the chest means a cold on the lungs. That's the danger signal.

Nature's laxative—it is composed wholly of clean, sweet, health-giving Herbs!

Commercical Anxiety.

"A clockmaker must be the most uneasy of manufacturers."

"Why so?"

"Because there is always the prospect of a strike in his works."

Crutches or Biers.

Richard Croker, at a dinner in New York, expressed a distrust for aeroplanes.

"There's nothing underneath them," he said. "If the least thing goes wrong, down they drop."

"I said to a Londoner the other day: 'How is your son getting on since he bought a flying machine?'

"On crutches, like the rest of them," the Londoner replied.

Real Courage.

He was the small son of a minister and his mother was teaching him the meaning of courage.

"Supposing," she said, "there were twelve boys in one bedroom, and eleven got into bed at once, while the other knelt down to say his prayers, that boy would show true courage."

"Oh" said the young hopeful, "I know something that would be more courageous than that? Supposing there were twelve ministers in one bedroom, and one got into bed without saying his prayers!"

We are now a good deal like Bill Sargeant on a zero morning.

Bill's valot entered his bedroom one January morning and said with a shiver:

"Will you take your mitts hot or cold, sir?"

"Thank you," said Bill. "I'll take it for granted."

Katherine—he was to marry a telephone girl, but she broke the engagement.

Kidder—Oh, I see! A case of ring off."

Queen Mary's Troussau.

Queen Mary is following the example set by her mother, the duchess of Teck, who at the time of her daughter's wedding with the present king declared that the trousseau "not a yard of cambric or linen, or flannel or tweed, or lace or ribbon" should be bought outside the kingdom, and who kept to her word. Queen Mary is having her coronation robes and gowns for court functions as well as the opening of parliament gown made by a British firm of all British material.

She has ordered eight dresses so far, and work on them has commenced.

London correspondence—New York Sun.

### MIGHT HAVE COME EARLIER

Admire of Musician Must Have Felt Truth of the Answer He Received.

Signor Puccini, although celebrated all over the world for his operas, is still a young man. On the subject of his early success the Italian composer said recently in New York:

"I have been very lucky. Recognition for artistic work comes so often after one is too old to enjoy it."

I remember one of my countrymen, a centenarian, who, had he died before seventy, would never have seen any of his operas produced. Luckily he lived to be so great an age that he received for many years the admiration he deserved. Naturally enough, though, this splendid artist regretted his years of obscurity and neglect, and he frequently spoke bitterly of his bad fortune.

"Once, at the very end of his long life, an Englishman entered his box at the opera in Rome, and said quite respectfully:

"I have traveled all the way from London to see the author of my favorite opera."

"The veteran composer, with a malicious smile, replied:

"Well, my friend, I have given you plenty of time to get here."

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## Post Toasties

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## Winter Months on the Farm

### How to Improve Them

#### Weed Eradication

Waste from Weeds and How to Control and Eradicate These Serious Pests

By PROF. R. A. MOORE  
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Crops losses aggregating millions of dollars occur annually throughout the United States due to lack of efficient weed control. Immense areas are infested with weeds to an extent that makes it very advisable to carry on a determined warfare to eradicate them. For many years those interested in scientific and permanent agriculture have considered the menace of weeds and have issued warnings against them. This early work dealt almost wholly with preventive measures, largely along the line of seed inspection to insure clean seed.

Farmers on the virgin soils of the United States where weeds were not numerous were inclined to ridicule the idea that they could ever become seriously troublesome. The fears of the scientists have been realized; however, and there are now many farms in this country which have been abandoned because the weeds have multiplied and spread so rapidly that the farmer has become discouraged and given up in despair. Noxious weeds are spreading at a rate which has alarmed those who are acquainted with the seriousness of the situation. There are many farms where 15 percent of the crop producing capacity has been destroyed by weeds. There is a great necessity of some concerted action for weed control and eradication with respect to two of the most widespread and serious weed pests.

#### The Worst Weeds

While there are many weeds which are proving troublesome on farms, there are two which are pre-eminently noxious, particularly in Wisconsin and the north central states, viz., Quack grass and Canada thistles. These weeds are extremely difficult to eradicate because of their peculiar nature and habits.

Wild mustard has become a serious pest in the grain fields of many states, and in some sections is getting beyond the control of farmers using ordinary methods of eradication. Land values have deteriorated where the fields have become thickly seeded to mustard. Considerable effort has been expended by farmers in pulling the mustard plants when in full bloom at a time when the weed could easily be recognized in the grain fields. But when fields became badly infested, this was a laborious task and often was done at the expense of one-half or more of the crop.

Other weeds which are especially obnoxious are the Sow thistle, Star thistle, English plantain, Ox-eye daisy, Toad-flax, Dodder and Velvet leaf, and in many sections other weeds are serious.

#### Quack Grass Serious Foe

Quack grass is a perennial plant living from year to year unless prevented by some unusual circumstances. It reproduces itself by means of seed and by means of the root stocks. It is the rootstocks which give the plant its noxious character, as they must be killed to eradicate it and they possess a great deal of vitality. At each joint new roots are thrown out and at many of them new stems start. In this way the grass spreads rapidly and a piece of the rootstock with one of these joints on it will produce a new plant, although it may not be over one-half inch long. The whole plant grows rapidly and ripens its seed usually in July and, when growing in meadows, may be gathered in the hay, from whence it gets into the manure to be scattered broadcast over the farm.

If growing in grain it will be harvested and threshed with the grain, and if the grain is not graded with extreme care some of the quack grass will be sown on the fields next year.

#### Canada Thistle a Menace

Like Quack grass the Canada thistle is a perennial plant. In height it ranges from one to three feet, depending on conditions. The Canada thistle has no rootstocks like the Quack grass, but is possessed of true roots, the parts of which are capable of producing plants. When undisturbed by cultivation the roots are up to six inches deep in the ground, but go deeper in cultivated soil and where it is particularly loose and porous may be found at a depth of three feet.

Canada thistles seldom bear seed in fields that are cultivated annually, but in those fields that are seeded down to clover or grasses.

#### Methods of Weed Eradication

Many methods have been devised and advocated for the eradication of Quack grass and Canada thistles. The success of any method depends very largely upon soil and weather condi-



A Canada thistle, showing the horizontal root from which it spreads.

tion of the soil leaves it in splendid condition so that a much larger crop can be obtained the following year than would have been possible had the weeds remained, and the field will continue to bear good crops after the weeds are eliminated.

Where the Quack grass or thistles are to be removed while a crop is being raised, plowing should begin in the summer or autumn as soon as the former crop is removed, the earlier the better. This should be followed by careful cultivation until the ground freezes up. The next spring plowing should be done as soon as soil conditions permit and be concluded at intervals of four weeks until the first of July.

Between the plowings thorough cultivation should be practised. On the date mentioned the seed bed should be carefully prepared and the land sown to millet or buckwheat at the rate of three pcks per acre in either case. The previous treatment will have so weakened the weeds that the millet or buckwheat gets well established before the weeds recover sufficiently to begin growth. Both of these crops grow rapidly and provide a dense shade underneath which the weeds cannot survive.

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## HARDEST NUT OF ALL

### CUT IN APPROPRIATIONS PROBLEM UP TO DEMOCRATS.

**Platform Promises to Be Redeemed, and How to Do So Is Something That Will Keep the Leaders Guessing.**

What will the next house do in the matter of appropriations? How deep a cut will be made in the Republican record? And where will the knife be applied?

We need not take as the basis for inquiry and speculation the remark accredited to Mr. Aldrich, that good business management of the government's affairs would bring the sum total of present expenditures three hundred million dollars under present figures. The Rhode Island senator made no such assertion. But the figures are high, and the Democratic leaders in both houses of congress have criticized them roundly. Are they preparing to make a notable saving?

Mr. Livingston of Georgia is the senior member of the minority on the appropriations committee of the present house, but he will not be a member of the next house. Next in order come Mr. Fitzgerald of New York, Mr. Burleson of Texas, Mr. Sherley of Kentucky and Mr. Bowers of Mississippi, all capable men. But what will be their fate at the hands of the committee on committees? Unless reassigned where they have made good, they will have to qualify for important service elsewhere.

But the appropriations committee proper does not prepare all the supply bills. The pensions committee prepares the pension bill, which is a large one; the rivers and harbors committee prepares the bill of that name, and the naval committee the bill of that name. Shall we see cuts made in those measures? Not likely.

The pension bill is a bill apart. It is often criticized. There are men who sincerely praise the great services of those who saved the Union, and yet who think that the government at this remote day from the close of hostilities is paying too much in the way of pensions. But between criticism founded upon round numbers, and a definite proposition going into details for a reduction of the appropriations, there is a difference.

And who will propose any material reduction in the amount for keeping the navy fit? And where is the member of the next house with a harbor or a running stream in his district who may be expected to lift his voice against governmental aid in those directions?

The tariff is a hard nut to crack. So will currency reform prove to be the making of an appropriate conformer to partisan criticism? If there is a serious effort to that end may prove the hardest nut of all. Washington Star.

#### For National Defense.

We have been engaged for a dozen years since the skirmish with a fourth-rate European power found us disgracefully unprepared, in a haphazard and often contradictory fashion, in trying to provide for a decent military force. We have succeeded in proving that it would be entirely practicable on a well-digested, comprehensive plan, embracing the future and made reasonably permanent. The secretary of war now urges that a competent commission be appointed to study the whole subject and to report such a plan.

There is no more important recommendation before congress, and there should be no difficulty in securing the necessary legislation at the present session in order that no time be lost. All we need is to provide for the effective use of the men who would, in proper conditions, gladly train themselves as possible soldiers. New York Times.

#### Party Not All With Bailey.

The ways and means committee of the house of representatives has reported a tariff commission bill which is substantially the same as the measure introduced by Mr. Longworth of Ohio. This action encourages the belief that the bill will pass congress and become a law, thus establishing a permanent method of dealing with tariff problems. Senator Bailey of Texas, the Democratic leader who seems at odds with his party in many tariff matters, avows his uncompromising hostility to the tariff commission idea, and says he will filibuster the bill to death when it comes before the house of which he is a member. But Senator Bailey does not always "deliver the goods." In fact, there are several of his party associates who strongly dissent from his economic views.

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Unless signs are at fault more than short-sightedness for congress to reject this reciprocal agreement. It would be an error of the same character as was committed when congress raised this tariff wall, which the present proposed agreement is designed to part to correct. Cleveland Leader.

#### Faith in the Republicans.

The Republicans of the Union have the political power still in their possession and the party can, in 1912 command the allegiance of its members in sufficient numbers to place the victory of that year beyond the slightest doubt. The millions of Republicans who did not vote in 1910 will do at the roll-call for the contest of 1912 and will end for another four years all Democratic hopes for victory. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

#### Benton's Withdrawal.

After the death of John C. Calhoun a friend said to Senator Benton: "I suppose, colonel, you won't pursue Calhoun beyond the grave?" To which he replied: "No, sir, when God Almighty lays his hand upon a man, sir, I take mine off."

A Case for Shocking Language.

"Had a shocking accident out at our house last evening."

"Why, what was it?"

"I tried to fix the electric fixtures without shutting off the current."

## MUST GO FORWARD SLOWLY

### Many Things to Be Considered Before the Appointment of Permanent Tariff Commission.

What is described as the administration bill for a permanent farm commission, introduced by Mr. Longworth of Ohio, will have to pass the ordeal of vigorous criticism before it is adopted by congress. We are inclined to think that it may become the basis of effective action, but there are features of it that demand careful consideration.

One of these which will almost surely be challenged, is the omission of any provision for requiring reports from the commission by either house of congress that may ask for them. The commission is required to report on the request of congress or of the president, but under this clause the next house of representatives would be helpless to secure the aid of the commission if the senate refused to incur a request for it.

Another feature that will arouse a good deal of contention is that relating to the powers of the commission to compel the production of books and papers, and also to obtain business information confidentially. This is bound to prove a most delicate matter, and there is no denying that such powers are subject to abuse.

On the other hand, it is equally undesirable that every manufacturer protected by duties on competing goods is the direct recipient of favor by legislation at the expense of the general public, and can properly justly be held to account for the way in which he uses the favor granted. It is always open to these manufacturers to escape from the inconvenience of official inquiry and inspection by consenting to the reduction of the favors enjoyed and by submitting to open competition, in which they would still have many substantial advantages.

What Tariff Commission Will Do.

An earnest of the high and important purpose intended for the proposed permanent tariff commission is afforded by the work now being done by the tariff board under the direction of President Taft. When the people understand it clearly, the senate should prove reactionary in this matter. It will undergo a baptism of wrath beside which the bitter feeling already aroused against it will seem of as little consequence as a passing zephyr.

The board is compiling a glossary or dictionary of all the items in the tariff law.

When a manufacturer or producer asks for a duty of from 25 to

100 per cent. on a certain article, this little book will enable congressmen to ascertain whether such protection is warranted.

It will show the use of every article on which there is tariff.

It will show the extent of production and its relative cost in the United States and abroad. And what is of the

utmost importance, it will show whether more is imported than exported.

The members of congress called upon to vote on a tariff item may do so intelligently by merely referring to this report.

Nothing can be more preposterous and paradoxical than the fact that never has a congress had this information in-hand in the framing of a tariff law.

Senators and representatives have voted on tariff schedules with but little notion of their meaning except such as was conveyed by the interests demanding protection.

Men who have been permitted to dictate some of the schedules have thereby been enabled to fasten a strong hold on American industries through the ignorance of congress and the people on these subjects.

Cleveland Leader.

#### Rough Passage-Ahead.

The new ways and means committee which will be created in the next Democratic house of representatives at Washington has a majority in favor of piecemeal tariff revision.

The purpose is to take up tariff reform schedule by schedule, which is directly contrary to the plan urged by Senator Bailey of Texas, who wants to deal with the entire question at once.

This means unpleasantness in the very outset, with chances of further trouble as the situation develops.

The Democrats may get their piecemeal scheme through the house, but the irrepressible Mr. Bailey will be on guard in the senate, prepared to do all he can to block any measure that does not conform to his notions.

Besides, the Republican majority in that branch of congress will have something to say.

Voice for Reciprocity.

Every consideration of the public interest demands the prompt ratification of the reciprocity bargain with the Dominion of Canada.

Politics should be cut out of the discussion.

It is the economic, Free-trade relations with the people to the north that are desired by all whose selfish desires do not conflict with the general welfare.

It would be far worse than mere shortsightedness for congress to reject this reciprocal agreement.

It would be an error of the same character as was committed when congress raised this tariff wall, which the present proposed agreement is designed to correct.

Cleveland Leader.

#### Unless signs are at fault more than

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#### Anyone who thinks that the Repub-

lican party can be called unprogressive

must be singularly unfamiliar with

American history.

WORK TO KILLED PATIA CIGARS.

Paris, one of the cleanest cities in the world, employs 3,200 street cleaners every day in ordinary weather.

In winter, when snow begins to fall, this number is considerably increased,

the snow being shoveled and washed away.

BY MEANS OF BOSS AS SOON AS IT COMES DOWN.

His Substitute.

"Doesn't your wife ever object be-

cause you devote so much of your time to politics?"

"No. She has a dog that she is

very fond of." Judge.

Where the Treasures Are.

Burglar—"Better tell me where the valuables are." Householder—"Well, old man, here's the combination of the refrigerator." Life.

## NOT ACCORDING TO PROGRAM

### Practical Joker Meant to Abolish His Wife and Doubtless He Did.

When the first shipment of frozen eggs arrived from Australia their extreme hardness astonished the brokers.

One man, calling at a broker's office, was amazed to see him taking aim at the wall with an egg.

"What the dickens are you at?" he said.

But the broker let drive, the only result being a slight dent in the wall.

The thing being explained, the man took a couple of the eggs, put them in his pocket, and left to startle his wife.

Arriving home, he waited till the family was assembled for dinner, and then banged an egg at the new door.

But the smile quickly faded from his face. The egg had thawed.—London Times.

## BLOOD HUMORS

It is important that you should now rid your blood of those impure, poisonous, effete matters that have accumulated in it during the winter.

The secret of the unequalled and really wonderful success of

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

as a remedy for Blood Humors is the fact that it combines, not simply sarsaparilla, but the utmost remedial values of more than twenty ingredients—Roots, Barks and Herbs—known to have extraordinary efficacy in purifying the blood and building up the whole system.

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Cures the skin and acts as a preventive for others. Liquid given on the tongue. Safe for broad noses and all others. Best kidney remedy \$10 cents and \$

# A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A TRUE STORY OF THE SECRET SERVICE  
By COL. H. C. WHITLEY

Former Chief United States Secret Service

IMES were pretty lively about Washington during President Grant's administration. The great, the near great and the shabby gentel politicans were to be daily met with. Each had an axe to grind; it was a busy day for adventurers and sharpers. Every device that human ingenuity could invent was in vogue for money-making purposes. Men of responsibility when at home often turned crooks after sojourning at the nation's capitol for a time. The war had left its demoralizing influence upon many and the opportunities for acquiring wealth were numerous and varied. For a long time before General Grant took his seat in the president's chair, there had been a looseness in the administration of government affairs resulting in organized frauds that would not be tolerated in this day.

The Credit Mobilier conspiracy, the whisky ring and many other monumental steals were being carried on in high-up official and private circles. The big fellows set the pace and the smaller crooks loitering about the city felt quite safe in taking a hand in what was going on. Some of the devices resorted to by the lesser fellows were quite ridiculous. I will dislodge one of these schemes for the purpose of exhibiting the folly of some of the letters of that day.

Shortly after President Grant's inauguration in the spring of 1873 he sent a messenger with a note requesting me to call at once at the White House. On entering his office I found him at his desk. He pointed to a nearby chair and bade me be seated. Reaching into a drawer of his desk he took out two long black cigars, and handing me one of them he bit off the end of the other and put it between his teeth. Straightening back in his chair, the big black cigar was pointed upward at an angle of about forty-five degrees. As the smoke curled lazily above his head I saw that there was something in his manner indicating that his usually placid temper was riled. Picking up a package of letters from his desk he turned towards me and said: "Here, Colonel, is a matter that needs your careful attention. During the last few days I have been receiving these letters: I want you to make an investigation at once. The persons engaged in this work must be punished. It is an outrage. It is probable that there is more than one person in the scheme."

President Grant spoke with great earnestness, and I saw that he was not a little disturbed and that his idea was to let no guilty man escape. The circulars he handed me were printed in letter form and had been sent through the mails to many postmasters throughout the south and west. The circulars read as follows: I give them verbatim:

Executive Mansion, Washington.

Oct. 12th, 1873.

Memorandum of conversation between the president and his secretary.

Secretary—I wish to refer this telegram of Senator Morton's to the president.

To the President:

A conspiracy has been formed to overrun southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio and to keep the colored vote from the polls in the southern states. Several thousand nonsoutherners will vote in Indiana. Men and money are needed. I send a man to you who has been in their council.

C. P. Morton.

President—Yes, I have thought that matter all over, and had a long talk with the man the senator sent. What does Mr. Cook say about money? You know that we have none, and that the committee's means are all necessary for the regular business.

Secretary—Mr. Cook will furnish you any amount you require.

President—Very well, I will take the responsibility. Have Captain C. select a dozen men to go west and south with funds and organize. The mere fact of a good organization will deter lawless bodies from attempting to defraud the people at the polls.

Additional conversation—March 24th, 1873.

Secretary—Mr. President, have you determined how you will reimburse Mr. Cook for the money furnished last October?

President—Yes, I have. The bishop has suggested Rev. J. Hale Barney to act as secretary in the matter. Appoint him immediately, and as our mails are so large and go to clerks to be arranged and briefed before we see them, you will have all letters on the subject addressed to him. Call upon our friends and allow no one to contribute over ten dollars, and, to prevent publicity and trouble, direct the remittance to be made by single ten-dollar note. Registered letters, drafts, or express would necessarily tend to publicity. Mr. Secretary, you will make an alphabetical list of every contributor, to which we can hereafter refer.

## Development of the Argentine Lines

Railroad Coaches Valued at \$2,000,000 Are Being Bought by the Argentine Republic.

The fact that the Argentine Republic is buying in Wilmington railroad coaches valued at \$2,000,000 calls attention to the recent remarkable development of the railways of the great southern republic.

According to the November Bulle-

ting of the Pan-American Union, dur-

at once. Others were surprised and doubtful as to their genuineness and forwarded them to the president with a letter of inquiry. Taken altogether it was a most remarkable affair planned and carried out in a reckless manner. The report of the detective sent to capture the schemer furnishes a chapter of racy reading.

It was discovered that a lady who

rented furnished rooms at No. 420

Sixth street had sometime prior to the discovery of the forgeries received a letter from a man signing himself Rev. J. Hale Barney. He said he was a Methodist minister and that he would be absent from the city much of the time attending to the duties of his circuit, but he wanted to have a good lower front room in her house for office purposes and a place to sleep and the delivery of his correspondence. He explained further that he had been appointed executive secretary of the Christian Brotherhood.

The lady thought it was a rare op-

portunity to secure an occupant of distinction. She had great confidence in Methodist ministers and she loaned him a room and, and she answered favorably.

In a few days a large trunk was forwarded by express.

It had an aperture in its top through which letters could be dropped. There

was also forwarded two large cards upon which was printed "Rev. J. Hale Barney, Executive Secretary of the Christian Brotherhood," one to be placed upon the door, the other in the window of the room. Money was sent to pay a month's rent in ad-

vance.

The mundane was delighted to rent her rooms to such a nice man. She had always maintained a highly re-

spected place and intended to keep it so.

The trunk was put into one corner of the room hired, and all mail addressed to the reverend myth

was dropped through the hole in the

top of the trunk pending the arrival

of his reverence.

The old lady was wholly unsuspi-

## THIS BIRD ALMOST EXTINCT

The Hula Is One of the Rarest Species That Exist Anywhere in the World.

Auckland, N. Z.—Here is a picture of a male and female hula—one of the rarest species of birds that exist anywhere in the world. The hula are also the most domestic.

As you see in the picture, the male hula is pecking on the bark so that his wife may find her food. The male has a strong, sharp peak; the female a slender, long, incurved beak. So the male takes upon himself the burden of the heavy work in finding food.

When the "nice man" occupying the room back of the parlor was absent the letters contained in the trunk were examined by the detective. A short time after the return of the "nice man" he was seen to slip into the parlor through the rear door. The detective again examined the trunk. The letters were gone. Shortly afterwards the "nice man" occupying the room back of the parlor was arrested while in the act of dropping letters into the postoffice.

These letters were discovered to be circulars addressed to postmasters and others. The "nice man" arrested was searched and the marked money was found in his pocket. It was now certain that Rev. J. Hale Barney and the individual arrested were one and the same. The silent young man upstairs was suspected and arrested. His room was searched and a large number of printed circulars and envelopes addressed to postmasters were found.

The plot, although silly in its conception, was catchy because of its boldness. The "nice man" caught was a person of considerable prominence. He had served as a colonel of a regiment during the Civil War and was a gallant fighter.

The young fellow upstairs was a printer and had done the work of the circulars. Both of the schemers were



The Hula.

## ALL GAY



First Tramp—The doctor as ordered me a bath.

Second Tramp—You do look pleased about it.

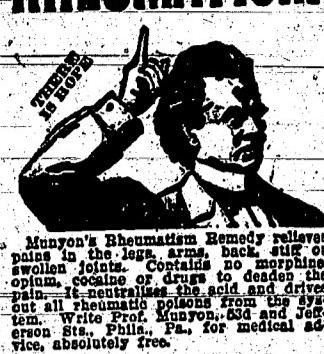
First Tramp—E's ordered me a mud bath.

Difficulties are often the barricades that grow on delayed duties.

Take Garfield Tea to arouse a sluggish liver—all druggists sell it.

A good home is the best exposition of heaven.

## RHEUMATISM



Munyon's Rheumatism Remedy relieves pain in the legs, arms, back, side or swollen joints. Contains no opium. It is a tonic to the system, it drives out all rheumatic poisons from the system. Write Dr. Munyon, 100 Main St., Pittsfield, Mass., for medical advice, absolutely free.

New York, New York, Birmingham, Birmingham, Boston, Boston, Chicago, Chicago, Cleveland, Cleveland, Detroit, Detroit, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, San Francisco, Seattle, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Louis, Toledo, Toledo, Washington, Washington, Worcester, Worcester.

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## The Human Heart

The heart is a wonderful double pump, through the action of which the blood stream is kept sweeping round and round through the body at the rate of seven miles an hour. Remember this, that our bodies will not stand the strain of over-work without good, pure blood any more than the engine can run smoothly without oil. After many years of study in the active practice of medicine, Dr. R. V. Pierce found that when the stomach was out of order, the blood impure and there were symptoms of general breakdown, a tonic made of the glycerine extract of certain roots was the best corrective. This he called

## Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

Being made without alcohol, this "Medical Discovery" helps the stomach to assimilate the food, thereby curing dyspepsia. It is especially adapted to diseases attended with excessive tissue waste, notably in consequence from various fevers, for thin-blooded people and those who are always "catching cold."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps for the French cloth-bound book of 1003 pages. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, No. 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

## The Breed

Stella—is her coat Persian lamb?

Della—No; Podunk mutton. Judge.

Tightness across the chest means a cold on the lungs. That's the danger signal. Cure that cold with Hamlin's Wizard Oil before it runs into Consumption or Phthisis.

Commercial Anxiety.

"A clockmaker must be the most uneasy of manufacturers."

"Why so?"

"Because there is always the prospect of a strike in his works."

Crutches or Biers.

Richard Croker, at a dinner in New York, expressed a distrust for aeroplanes.

"There's nothing underneath them," he said. "If the least thing goes wrong down they drop."

"I said to a Londoner the other day:

"How is your son getting on since he bought a flying machine?"

"On crutches, like the rest of them," the Londoner replied.

Real Courage.

He was the small scion of a minister and his mother was teaching him the meaning of courage.

"Supposing," she said, "there were twelve boys in one bedroom, and eleven went into bed at once, while the other knelt down to say his prayers, that boy would show true courage."

"Oh," said the young hopeful, "I know something that would be more courageous than that? Supposing there were twelve ministers in one bedroom, and one got into bed without saying his prayers!"

A Dry Wash.

Representative Livingston of Georgia, who, disgusted at the bath-tub debate in the house recently, proposed that a little money might be made by renting the bath tubs out, said recently apropos of this subject:

"We are now a good deal like Bill Spriggs on a zero morning."

"Bill's valet entered his bedroom one January morning and said with a shiver:

"Will you take your bath hot or cold, sir?"

"Thank you," said Bill; "I'll take it for granted."

A Fairly Wet World.

The Pacific ocean covers 63,000,000 miles, the Atlantic 30,000,000 and the Indian, Arctic and Antarctic 42,000,000. To stow away the contents of the Pacific it would be necessary to fill a tank one mile long, one mile wide and one mile deep every day for 440 years.

Put in figures, the Pacific holds in weight 918,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

The Atlantic averages a depth of

not quite three miles. Its water weighs

325,000,000,000,000,000 tons, and a tank to contain it would have each of its sides 43 miles long.

The figures of the other oceans are in the same startling proportions. It would take all the sea water in the world 2,000,000 years to flow over Niagara.

MIGHT HAVE COME EARLIER

Admirer of Musican Must Have Felt Truth of the Answer He Received.

Signor Puccini, although celebrated all over the world for his operas, is still a young man. On the subject of his early success the Italian composer said recently in New York:

"I have been very lucky. Recognition for artistic work comes so often and is too bad to enjoy it."

"I remember one of my countrymen, a centenarian, who, had he died before seventy, would never have seen any of his operas produced. Luckily he lived to be so great an age that he received for many years the admiration he deserved. Naturally, enough though this splendid artist regretted his years of obscurity and neglect, and he frequently spoke bitterly of his bad fortune."

"Once, at the very end of his long life, an Englishman entered his box at the opera, in Rome, and said respectfully:

"I have traveled all the way from London to see the author of my favorite opera."

"The veteran composer, with a ma-

noious smile, replied:

"Well, my friend, I have given you

plenty of time to get here."

is fully cooked, ready to serve direct from the package with cream or milk, and is a deliciously good part of any meal.

A trial package usually establishes it as a favorite breakfast cereal.

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Belle Creek, Mich.

## THE DETECTIVE EXAMINED THE LOCK

## HE WAS SEEN TO SLIP INTO THE FRONT ROOM

in any way you think necessary for the good of the cause.

Yours truly,

With this letter was an envelope addressed as follows:

Rev. J. Hale Barney,

Executive Secretary, Etc.

2126 Sixth St., N. W.

Washington, D. C.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the foregoing circular had been concocted for the purpose of obtaining contributions from the appointees of the president

## Winter Months on the Farm

How to Improve Them

### Weed Eradication

Ways to Weeds and How to Control and Eradicate These Serious Pests  
By PROF. R. A. MOORE  
Wisconsin College of Agriculture

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Crops losses aggregating millions of dollars occur annually throughout the United States due to lack of efficient weed control, immense areas are infested with weeds to an extent that makes it very advisable to carry on a determined warfare to eradicate them. For many years those interested in scientific and permanent agriculture have considered the menace of weeds and have issued warnings against them. This early work dealt almost wholly with preventive measures, largely along the line of seed inspection to insure clean seed.

Farmers on the virgin soils of the United States where weeds were not numerous were inclined to ridicule the idea that they could ever become seriously troublesome. The fears of the scientists have been realized; however, and there are now many farms in this country which have been abandoned because the weeds have multiplied and spread so rapidly that the farmer has become discouraged and given up in despair. Noxious weeds are spreading at a rate which has alarmed those who are acquainted with the seriousness of the situation. There are many farms where 25 per cent of the crop producing capacity has been destroyed by weeds. There is a great necessity of some concerted action for weed control and eradication with respect to two of the most widespread and serious weeds.

#### The Worst Weeds.

While there are many weeds which are proving troublesome on farms, there are two which are pre-eminently noxious, particularly in Wisconsin and the north central states, viz.: Quack grass and Canada thistles. These weeds are extremely difficult to eradicate because of their peculiar nature and habits.

Wild mustard has become a serious pest in the grain fields of many states, and in some sections is getting beyond the control of farmers using ordinary methods of eradication. Land values have deteriorated where the fields have become thickly seeded to mustard. Considerable effort has been expended by farmers in pulling the mustard plants when in full bloom at a time when the weed could be easily recognized in the grain fields, but when fields became badly infested this was a laborious task, and often was done at the expense of one-half or more of the crop.

Other weeds which are especially obnoxious are the Sow-thistle, Star-thistle, English plantain, Ox-eye daisy, Toad-flax, Dandelion and Volete leaf, and in many sections other weeds are serious.

#### Quack Grass Serious Pest.

Quack grass is a perennial plant living from year to year unless prevented by some unusual circumstances. It reproduces itself by means of seed and by means of the rootstocks. It is the rootstocks which give the plant its noxious character, as they must be killed to eradicate it, and they possess a great deal of vitality. At each joint new roots are thrown out and at many of them new stems start. In this way the grass spreads rapidly and a piece of the rootstock with one of these joints on it will produce a new plant, although it may not be over one-half inch long. The whole plant grows rapidly and ripens its seed usually in July and, where growing in meadows, may be gathered in the hay, from whence it gets into the manure to be scattered broadcast over the farm.

If growing in grain it will be harvested and threshed with the grain, and if the grain is not graded with extreme care some of the quack grass will be sown on the fields the next year.

#### Canada Thistle a Menace.

Like Quack grass the Canada thistle is a perennial plant. In height it ranges from one to three feet, depending on conditions. The Canada thistle has no rootstocks like the Quack grass, but is possessed of true roots, the parts of which are capable of producing plants. When undisturbed by cultivation the roots are apt to lie near the surface, but go deeper in cultivated soil and where it is particularly loose and porous, may be found at a depth of three feet.

Canada thistles seldom bear seed in fields that are cultivated annually, but in those fields that are sowed down to clover or grasses.

#### Methods of Weed Eradication.

Many methods have been devised and advocated for the eradication of Quack grass and Canada thistles. The success of any method depends very largely upon soil and weather conditions.

#### SCANT ALLOWANCE OF SOAP

Captain Didn't Want to Hire Three Rooms to Get Hands and Face Washed.

When Fairmount Inn was opened among its first patrons was Captain Stringer of Marshby. He had long been a friend of Captain Larabee, his father of the young proprietor of the new inn, and he wished to "see for himself what kind of a tavern Eddy would keep."

He was taken to one of the prettiest rooms, where the proprietress' wife, awaiting his opinion. He looked silent, as all the modern innovations, but when he was at last asked to admire the pretty bathroom adjoining his bedroom, he spoke his word.

"Is that little square cake of soap all that goes with this fit-out?" he inquired, indicating the cake in its nickel holder.

"Why, yes," said the young woman. "One cake for each room, new for each guest, of course."

"Well, now, see here," said the captain, confidentially. "You and Eddy ever painted—Washington Gladden

tion of the soil leaves it in splendid condition, so that much larger crops can be obtained the following year than would have been possible had the weeds remained, and the field will continue to bear good crops after the weeds are eliminated.

Where the Quack grass or thistles are to be removed while a crop is being raised, plowing should begin in the summer or autumn as soon as the former crop is removed, the earlier the better. This should be followed by careful cultivation until the ground freezes up. The next spring plowing should be done as soon as soil conditions permit, and be continued at intervals of four weeks until the first of July.

Between the plowings thorough cultivation should be practised. On the date mentioned the seed bed should be carefully prepared, and the land sown to millet or buckwheat at the rate of three pecks per acre in either crop. The previous treatment will have so weakened the weeds that the millet or buckwheat gets well established before the weeds recover sufficiently to begin growth. Both of these crops grow rapidly and provide a dense shade underneath which the weeds cannot survive.

Senator Owen complains that the Prosthetic Republican League has stolen the Democracy's ideas. It may be suggested that if the Democrats would only use some of their principles there would be less danger of their being swindled.

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## HARDEST NUT OF ALL

CUT IN APPROPRIATIONS—PROBLEM UP TO DEMOCRATS.

Platform Promises to Be Redeemed, and How to Do So Is Something That Will Keep the Leaders Guessing.

What will the next house do in the matter of appropriations? How deep a cut will be made in the Republican record? And where will the knife be applied?

We need not take as the basis for inquiry and speculation the remark accredited to Mr. Aldrich, that good business management of the government's affairs would bring the sum total of present expenditures three hundred million dollars under present figures. The Rhode Island senator made no such assertion. But the figures are high, and the Democratic leaders in both houses of congress have criticized the production of books and papers, and also obtain business information confidentially. This is bound to prove a most delicate matter, and there is no denying that such powers are subject to abuse. On the other hand, it is equally undeniable that every manufacturer protected by duties on competing goods is the direct recipient of favor by legislation at the expense of all capable men. But what will be their fate at the hands of the committee on appropriations? Unless reassigned where they have made good, they will have to qualify for important service elsewhere.

But the appropriations committee proper does not procure all the supply bills. The pension committee prepares the pension bill, which is a large one; the rivers and harbors committee prepares the bill of that name, and the naval committee the bill of that name. Shall we see cuts made in those measures? Not likely.

The pension bill is a bill apart. It is often criticized. There are men who sincerely praise the great services of those who saved the Union, and yet think that the government at this remote day from the close of hostilities is paying too much in the way of pensions. But between criticism founded upon round numbers, and a definite proposition going into details for a reduction of the appropriations, there is a difference.

The board is compiling a glossary or dictionary of all the items in the tariff law. When a manufacturer or producer asks for a duty of from 35 to 100 per cent on a certain article, this little book will enable congressmen to ascertain whether such protection is warranted. It will show the use of every article on which there is a tariff.

It will show the extent of protection and its relative cost in the United States and abroad. And what is of utmost importance, it will show whether more is imported than exported. The members of congress called upon to vote on a tariff item may no intelligently by merely referring to this report.

Nothing can be more preposterous and paradoxical than the fact that Congress has a congress. Had this information in hand in the framing of a tariff law, we have succeeded in proving that it would be entirely practicable on a well-digested, comprehensive plan, embracing the future and made reasonably permanent. The secretary of war urges that a competent commission be appointed to study the whole subject and to report such a plan. There is no more important recommendation before congress, and there should be no difficulty in securing the necessary legislation at the present session in order that no time be lost. All we need is to provide for the effective use of the men who would, in proper conditions, gladly train themselves as possible soldiers.—New York Times.

**Rough Passage Ahead.**

The new ways and means committee, which will be created in the next Democratic house of representatives at Washington has a majority in favor of piecemeal tariff revision. The purpose is to take up "tariff reform" schedule by schedule, which is directly contrary to the plan urged by Senator Bailey of Texas, who wants to deal with the entire question at once. This means unpleasantness at the very outset, with chances of further trouble as the situation develops. The Democrats may get their re-annual schedule through the house, but the irrepressible Mr. Bailey will be on guard in the senate, prepared to do all he can to block any measure that does not conform to his notions. Besides, the Republican majority in that branch of congress will have something to say.

**Voice for Reciprocity.**

Every consideration of the public interest demands the prompt ratification of the reciprocity tariff with the Dominion of Canada. Politics should be cut out of the discussion. It, like other tariff questions, is economic. Free trade relations with the people to the north are desired by all whose selfish desires do not conflict with the general welfare.

It would be far worse than mere short-sightedness for congress to reject this reciprocal agreement. It would be an error of the same character as was committed when congress raised this tariff wall, which the present proposed agreement is designed in part to correct.—Cleveland Leader.

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## MUST GO FORWARD SLOWLY

Many Things to Be Considered Before the Appointment of Permanent Tariff Commission.

What is described as the administration bill for a permanent tariff commission, introduced by Mr. Longworth of Ohio, will have to pass the ordeal of vigorous criticism before it is adopted by congress. We are inclined to think that it may become the basis of effective action, but there are features of it that demand careful consideration.

One of these, which will almost surely be challenged, is the omission of any provision for requiring reports from the commission by either house of congress that may ask for them. The commission is required to report on the request of congress or of the president, but under this clause the next house of representatives would be helpless to secure the aid of the commission if the senate refused to concur in a request for it. Another feature that will arouse a good deal of contention is that relating to the powers of the commission to compel the production of books and papers, and also to obtain business information confidentially. This is bound to prove a most delicate matter, and there is no denying that such powers are subject to abuse.

On the other hand, it is equally undeniable that every manufacturer protected by duties on competing goods is the direct recipient of favor by legislation at the expense of all capable men.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY FEB. 23

### Lovells Locals.

Jacob Truax arrived Saturday he is strong and hearty, always has a good word for Crawford County and the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Goshorn were called to Frederic, Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Goshorn's brother.

Tuesday the 14th we received our valentine in the way of the worst storm of the winter, we stayed in our den and watched the snow pile up higher and higher, and we believe if St. Valentine had been here he would have stayed in. No mail Wednesday, business very dull. Thursday business was normal.

L. E. Carrier, was doing business at Lewiston Friday.

Mrs. Blanch Houghton, returned from Grayling, Saturday morning.

Prof. Arnold is giving the best of satisfaction.

We believe that Crawford County needs more boosters. How many are there who will help to boost? A good way to boost is for everyone to take the county paper; if you can take but one paper, be sure and see that it is the county paper. If every man in the county would take the county paper as they should do, that would boost the editor, and the editor would boost the county co-operation is what we want, co-operate now by subscribing for the paper that will help you.

DAN.

### Notice to Contractors.

To remodel the furniture store I will receive sealed bids up to 2 o'clock p. m., March 15, 1911, as follows: Raising of building, carpentry work, making of concrete basement wall and excavation. For particulars inquire at the store. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check of \$100.00 as security. I reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

feb23 J. W. SORENSEN

### School Notes.

The High School Basquet Ball Team put up one of their best games last Friday evening and succeeded in defeating West Branch, score 14-10.

The Basket Ball Team were requested to remain after school Monday night and were presented with two boxes of candy by Miss Jacobs, for defeating West Branch. The boys appreciate the present and hope they may win more games.

The High School Orchestra entertained the students the last period Tuesday.

The Physics class took an exam in sound and now the only sound is blue notes.

We are sorry to say that Olga Peterson and Earl Madison have left school.

The High School was surprised to see Willie get a seat a little farther back in the high school room.

The Botany class is once more going, and now for bugs and flowers.

Miss M. Kelly-Claire give some word that would show the strength of an advancing army. Claire As strong as limburger cheese.

The Seventh Grade classes have been using the new outline maps this week.

The Eighth grade celebrated Washington's and Lincoln's birthday, Tuesday morning by a short program.

### For Sale.

The S ½ of the N W ¼ of section 8, T 28 N of Range 3 West, Crawford County, Mich., 20 acres cleared, good well on the land, hardwood stump land on main traveled road, 2½ miles from Waters, nice lake one-fourth mile from land, will take \$250.00 cash for the same. Call or write.

ARCHIE HOWSE

Frederic, Mich.

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### ROUND-UP FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The State Round-up Farmers' Institute to be held at the Agricultural College, beginning on Tuesday, February 26, and lasting four days, promises to be the largest and most successful ever held in the State.

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday forenoon the series of lectures begun last year by Professors Kedzie, Jeffery and Shoemaker upon "Manures and Fertilizers," "Soil Moisture," and "Farm Crops" will be continued. The discussion of these topics will be found very helpful to all farmers.

The afternoon of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be given up to the usual general program. Among the speakers will be E. Cyrus Miller, of Massachusetts, who will speak Wednesday afternoon upon "The care of the Apple Orchard," and Thursday afternoon upon "Getting the most from the Apple Crop." Mr. Miller is one of the progressive fruit growers of New England with 300 acres of orchard under his charge. Paul Rose, the well-known orchardist of Frankfort, Michigan, will be present and speak on "Intensive Methods of Fruit Growing" on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday, Professor Geo. C. Humphrey, of University of Wisconsin, will speak in the afternoon upon "The Feeding of the Dairy Cow," and on Thursday evening will give an illustrated lecture upon "The Conservation of Good Dairy Blood."

No farmer who can possibly attend should fail to hear the addresses of Mr. Willis O. Wing, of the well-known firm of Wing Brothers, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, specialists in corn and alfalfa, with 1,000 acres under the plow. Mr. Wing will speak Thursday afternoon upon "Up-to-Date Corn Growing," and on Friday afternoon his subject will be "Points in Alfalfa Culture."

Among other speakers will be Professor W. A. McKeever ("Sunshine McKeever"), Agricultural College, Kansas, who will give an address on Wednesday afternoon upon "Better Boys and Girls on the Farm," and on Wednesday evening, "Some Practical Aspects of Race Building."

An illustrated address upon "Resources of Northwestern Michigan" will be given Tuesday evening by Mr. John L. Gibson, secretary of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, who will also have on exhibition a considerable proportion of the exhibits exhibited at the Chicago Land and Irrigation Exposition.

Hon. Charles W. Gratiel will speak on "Play Grounds and their Mission" on Wednesday evening, and Professor John Hamilton of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institute Specialist, will be present Thursday, and his topic will be "Educating Lectures for Farmers' Institutes." Other speakers will be J. N. McBride, Burton, upon "The Native Lamb as a Feeder Factor," and Dr. P. Lyman, the new head of the Veterinary Department, upon "Feeds and Feeding and their Relation to Health." Professor G. W. Bissell will speak on "Modern Methods of House Heating," and Frank E. Rogers, Deputy State Highway Commissioner, "The Building and Care of Gravel Roads." On Thursday evening one of the speakers will be Prof. R. S. Shaw, whose address will be on "The Michigan Agricultural College and Its Work for Farmers."

Special sections for women will be held on Thursday and Friday both forenoon and afternoon. A splendid program will be presented.

Several of the departments of the College are planning for special demonstrations and exhibits, and a leading feature of the Institute will be a very complete exhibition of spraying machinery and supplies secured with the co-operation of the Association of Manufacturers of Spraying Machinery and Supplies. It is expected that

there will be an exhibition from fifteen to twenty power spraying outfits, besides a number of exhibits of spraying materials.

The Lansing hotel will be able to accommodate several hundred guests and arrangements have been made with private families to care for all who may come. Dinners and suppers can be secured in the boarding clubs and restaurants at the College.

Complete programs will be mailed on application.

L. R. TAYLOR

Superintendent Farmers' Institutes

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Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted and sympathized with us in the last sad rites of our son and brother, Martin, also for the many beautiful floral offerings, and it is our sincere hope, that when the time comes to each and all of them, as it certainly must, that they may receive the same kind attentions.

WELLINGTON BATTERSON

And Family.

For Sale.

A good general purpose horse for work or road, with harness, carriage and single wagon. The horse will be seven years old this spring, and every thing is right, especially the price. Inquire at the store of Silas Boddy.

FRED HENNESSY.

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Remember.

Now is the time to get your screen doors and windows made to fit your rooms, and save the worry in the spring, and the good wife's temper.

Phone No. 263.

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NELS NELSON

### Fourth-Class Postmaster Examination.

Saturday March 4, 1911.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on the date named above an examination will be held at Grayling, Mich., as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class Postmaster of class B at Wellington, Michigan, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interest of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the Postmaster at this office was \$38.00 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the Post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the Postmaster at Wellington, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington within 7 days before the date of the examination; otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants.

U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Notice Patrons.

I hereby announce that I am in the field to take orders for all kinds of nursery stock, for the Perry Nursery Company, for this spring delivery, the largest in the world. The most beautiful roses to be had, at very special rates. It pays to hold your orders till I can call.

Respectfully,

feb23 JOHN H. TOLIN

Notice From County Clerk

Relative to Primary Election.

Notice is hereby given that at the primary election to be held in each precinct of the County of Crawford State of Michigan at the usual polling place in each precinct, on Wednesday, March 4, 1911, the following names of petitioners and no others, will appear on the official primary ballots to be used at said election, said petitioners being candidates for nomination by several political parties to the offices set opposite their respective names, as indicated below, viz.:

Names and addresses of Republican Party petitioners for nomination Circuit Judge for the 3rd Judicial Circuit of District Nelson Sharpe, of the State Convention to be held at the City of Saginaw on the 2nd day of March 1911, and for the third one candidate for the office of County School Commissioner for the County of Crawford and to transact such other business as properly may come before it.

The number of delegates of the several townships is apportioned as follows:

Beaver Creek, Frederic, Grayling, Maple Forest, South Branch.

The delegates to the county convention are to be elected at regular township caucuses, and the several chairmen of the township committees are hereby requested to issue proper calls for them.

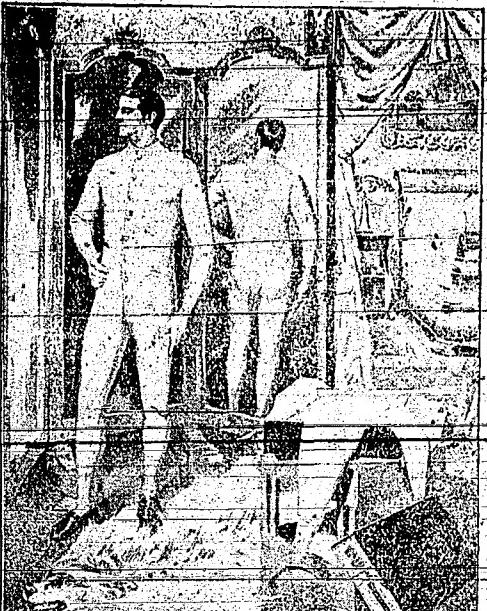
By order of the republican county committee.

J. J. NIEDERER, Chairman

Feb20-tf, Secretary.

H. G. BENEDICT, Sheriff of Crawford Co., Mich.

### Stephenson Union Suits



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### Republican County Convention.

(Official Call.)

To the Republican Electors of Crawford County.

The County Convention of the Republicans of Crawford County is here-

called to meet at the Court House in the Village of Grayling on Saturday, 27th day of February, 1911, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the State Convention to be held at the City of Saginaw on the 2nd day of March 1911, and for the third day of the month, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Circuit Judge for the 3rd Judicial Circuit.

In Witness Whereof, I have

set my hand and seal this

second day of February A. D.

1911.

H. G. BENEDICT

Member of the State Board of Education for the term of six years.

Member of the State Board of Agriculture for the term of six years each.

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Each county will be entitled to one delegate for each two hundred and forty votes cast therein for the Republican candidate for Secretary of State at the last Presidential election, and one additional delegate for each moiety of one hundred and twenty-six votes or more.

Under the resolution of 1858, no delegate will be entitled to a seat in the State Convention who does not reside in the county he proposes to represent.

The delegates from the several

counties in each Congressional Dis-

trict are requested to meet in district

caucus at 9:30 o'clock a. m. on the day

of the State Convention, and select

officers as follows, to be presented to

the State Convention for confirmation:

One Vice President.

One Assistant Secretary.

One member of the committee

on Credentials.

## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 22

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year. In ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by TUESDAY forenoon, and can not be considered later.

**WANTED**—Sewing, quilting, etc.

Mrs. Jos. Watts.

Order your coat of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

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Geo. Langevin delivers St. Charles coal at your house. Phone 591.

**Bates sells the best Coal.**

Let me quote you a price on Royal or Asbestos Roofing, put on F. R. Deckrow.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with SAILING, HANSON COMPANY.

Fine Bathroom outfit in display window No. 400 Cedar street. F. R. Deckrow.

St. Charles Coal is the best ever brought to this market. For sale by Geo. Langevin, Phone No. 591.

Abe Joseph came home last week, and intends to stay in the "only town on the map."

**COAL**—I have a large supply of the best St. Charles coal on the road and will deliver at right price. Phone 591. Geo. Langevin.

The good die young they say and there are a lot of us that are no longer spring chickens.

**FOR SALE**—At this office a good light one-horse sleigh and a medium heavy two-horse Harrison sled, both have been used a short time, but are all right.

Gentlemen when you get ready for a new suit, call in and see. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop over Cotton's Restaurant. A. D. Hendrickson.

Jan 1941

The wife is truly suspicious when she can receive a letter from her husband with a flower in it without wondering how much he paid by the dozen.

**WANTED**—50 cords of three foot Beech, Maple and Tamarack wood, delivered at the Court House yard. Inquire at once at the County Clerk's office.

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How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy has won its great reputation an immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. J. B. Crowley will open a \$50 pot on a pair of jacks and kick upon awful rumpus the next morning if their wives want to open a \$1 bank account for the baby.

**FOR SALE**—A full line of buggies and harness for sale at my livery barn. A few second hand rigs, and anything you want, new, from the factory. Call and if you do not find what you want in stock, find it in the catalogue. Geo. Langevin. Jan 26-27

Serious health, lack of nutrition, increase, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. J. J. Mainey has enjoyed a few weeks with her sister, and her husband, from Flint, who returned Monday.

**LOST**—A black and tan hound answering to the name of "Jack" from Frederic, the week before Christmas. The finder will be paid by delivering the dog, or notifying me at Waters, Mich.

Jan 26-27

**PELIX LANNOO.**

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting from pneumonia when Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy was used. Why take the risk when this remedy may be just for a cold? For sale by all dealers.

"The Life Guarantee and Surety Co. of Stratford, Pa., is among the strongest in the world. Bonds for School, Township, County or state officials, written by them are accepted everywhere, and at so small a cost that no one need be dependent on the kindness of personal friends.

O. PALMER, Agent.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to save it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to rescue a child from a cold. Give Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy. Give Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy, and all danger is avoided. For sale by all dealers.

We have arranged with The Weekly Inter-Ocean and Farmers so that our patrons can secure that sterling paper together with our own, at the exceedingly low price of \$1.75 for one year. This is a rare opportunity and should be taken advantage of.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound about the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When trodden with the back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by all dealers.

Mrs. McElroy is feeling much better again. She is now ready for work. Ladies' come and bring your combings.

Mrs. Fred McDonald will entertain the Ladies' Union, Friday, Feb. 24th. Ladies of the congregation are invited.

The friends of Mrs. Thos. Nolan are shocked and grieved to learn of her death last week. We have no particulars of her last illness.

Word was received from Flint, that J. F. Wilcox, one of our old residents is seriously ill. He moved to that city last summer with Carl Wilson, his son-in-law.

H. P. Olson came up Tuesday morning from Detroit, but had hardly time to shake hands all around as he had to return last night. He is always welcome here.

When they get to making paper out of corn, as it is now proposed, a man can make eye-openers out of his morning paper and get about three sheets to the wind before breakfast.

They say there are no lawyers in heaven—which may be the reason that every one else wants to go there. And if they all go to the other place the devil need not want for good company.

Parties desiring to mate their breeding hens with a first class Plymouth Rock mate, call on Nels Larson, south side.

A letter from John Johnson, now of Lansing, renewing his subscription to 1912 says: "THE AVALANCHE is like getting a long letter from home. We are enjoying the best of health here and prospering."

Pastry sale at Peterson's grocery store, Saturday afternoon, February 25th. The Ladies' of the Episcopal church will sell home made pies, cookies, brown bread etc., at Peterson's grocery.

The Danish Young People's Society will give an entertainment at the opera house, March 10, at 8 o'clock p.m., with a dance after the show. Reserved seats at Lewis & Co.'s Drug Store. Clark's Orchestra will furnish the music.

R. P. Forbes received word by wire last Saturday, of the death of his brother Silas at his home in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Forbes was the oldest of the brothers, having passed the 83rd milestone of his life while visiting here last summer.

Editor W. H. Jarman of the Buckley Enterprise came over on the M. & N. E. Express Monday for his first visit here. We were glad to welcome him and glad to enter his paper on our exchange list, for the interest of Grayling is fast reaching the entire length of the new railroad.

Mrs. J. B. Crowley has moved her millinery stock to the rooms next to the Central Drug Store, and will sell all trimmed goats from now until March 1st, at greatly reduced prices. All good fresh and perfect, but I need more room for my spring stock. Call and see me.

Mrs. J. B. Crowley will open a \$50 pot on a pair of jacks and kick upon awful rumpus the next morning if their wives want to open a \$1 bank account for the baby.

**FOR SALE**—A full line of buggies and harness for sale at my livery barn. A few second hand rigs, and anything you want, new, from the factory. Call and if you do not find what you want in stock, find it in the catalogue. Geo. Langevin. Jan 26-27

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy has won its great reputation an immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

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Serious health, lack of nutrition, increase, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. J. J. Mainey has enjoyed a few weeks with her sister, and her husband, from Flint, who returned Monday.

**LOST**—A black and tan hound answering to the name of "Jack" from Frederic, the week before Christmas. The finder will be paid by delivering the dog, or notifying me at Waters, Mich.

Jan 26-27

**PELIX LANNOO.**

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting from pneumonia when Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy was used. Why take the risk when this remedy may be just for a cold? For sale by all dealers.

"The Life Guarantee and Surety Co. of Stratford, Pa., is among the strongest in the world. Bonds for School, Township, County or state officials, written by them are accepted everywhere, and at so small a cost that no one need be dependent on the kindness of personal friends.

O. PALMER, Agent.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to save it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to rescue a child from a cold. Give Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy. Give Chamberlain's Conghi Remedy, and all danger is avoided. For sale by all dealers.

We have arranged with The Weekly Inter-Ocean and Farmers so that our patrons can secure that sterling paper together with our own, at the exceedingly low price of \$1.75 for one year. This is a rare opportunity and should be taken advantage of.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound about the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When trodden with the back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by all dealers.

### Frederic Freaks.

Inke Berlin made his last visit here Monday in the interest of the dry goods.

Grandma Flagg and son Elijah of East Jordan were here to attend the funeral of Irvin Batterson.

Photographer Whigard was in town one day last week.

Mrs. Jas. Smith and family, Mrs. E. Holmes, Miss Addie Ensign were in Grayling over Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Kolka and Katie Cobert will entertain the Frederic Cycle Club next Tuesday evening at Mrs. Frank Brown's. All members requested to be present.

It was a sad shock to the community when the word reached here of the sudden death of Irvin Batterson, as he was loved by all who knew him.

DIED—W. Irvin Batterson son of our Probate Judge, Hon. W. Batterson and Mrs. N. Batterson, at Mercy Hospital in Big Rapids Feb. 14, 1911. He was born in Grayling, Michigan Aug. 23, 1892 aged 18 years. Having finished a common school education he entered the Ferris Institute Sept. 1910, where to seek something better he took up the commercial course of study and would have finished in May, 1911. He was sick but one week when removed to the Mercy Hospital in Big Rapids, where he was operated on for appendicitis, but it was too late and death occurred the following day. He was always busy, he was excellent in all his studies while at Ferris, he earned a fair in book keeping of 90, Mental Arithmetic of 95 Business correspondence 97 spelling 96-98. He kept up ten classes a day. He was loved by all who knew him. The remains were brought home for interment. Flowers were many and beautiful. The funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Terhune officiating. He leaves to mourn his loss, a father, mother, two sisters, one brother, namely Mr. and Mrs. W. Batterson, Mrs. Abbie Goshorn, Elmer E. and Miss Ruby of this place, beside a host of near relatives and friends.

(To late for last week.)

Mrs. C. F. Kelley is home from Toledo after spending the fore part of the winter there with relatives and friends.

Joe La Chramain passed through here enroute to his home in Standish.

A party was had at Mrs. F. L. Taylor last Monday eve. All had an enjoyable time.

Ernest Richards was a Frederic visitor Monday.

The show given by Frederic Band Boys was good, and of which they had a pretty fair house.

Jr. Braedwood was in town last week.

Miss Peachy Lambard returned to her home in Gaylord last week.

E. McCracken is home this week on the sick list.

Frederic has organized a Young People's Society called "Elindeka" which meets Wednesday evening of each week.

President—Carrie White.

Vice Pres.—Mable Leng.

Sec'y—Pearl Paterson.

Treas.—Wilfred Cameron.

All invited to attend.

P. M. Gardner and son were Cheboygan callers last week.

Grandma Barber is able to be out again after a long spell of sickness.

Mrs. S. Souse and Miss Jessie came down from Mackinaw Saturday and are visiting at Mrs. D. McDermott.

Mrs. Wm. Brodie of Deward visited Mr. and Mrs. P. Brodie over Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Taylor was in Grayling one day last week.

Mrs. H. Wallace has returned home after visiting her son Will in Roscommon for some time.

A Great Opportunity.

For sale—Two hundred acres of land on the south end of Portage Lake, the finest location on the finest lake in northern Michigan. Three forties fronting entirely on the water and two joining on the south bank and especially adapted for fruit or general farming. This property belongs to the estate of Chris Larson and must be sold. Call or address.

11 C. PETTERSON, Gaylord, Mich.

Feb 23.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republican electors of the Township of Grayling will meet in caucus at the Town Hall in the Village of Grayling, on Friday the 24th day of February, 1911, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing 14 delegates to attend the Republican County Convention to be held at the Convention house in the Village of Grayling, on the 25th day of February, 1911, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Grayling this 11th day of February, 1911.

By order of Committee.

Following is a list of officers to be nominated:

One President.

One Clerk.

One Treasurer.

One Auditor.

Three Trustees.

Signed

VILLAGE COMMITTEE.

Dated February 18, 1911.

### Village Caucus.

The qualified voters of the Village of Grayling will meet in caucus at the Town Hall Thursday evening, March 2nd at eight o'clock, standard time for the purpose of nominating village officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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# Buy the New Ryoal Sewing Machine

Equal to any made.

For Sale and fully warranted by O. Palmer.

## Lime For Agricultural Purposes.

By Professor A. A. Patten  
of M. A. C.

**J**UST at this time a great interest is being taken by farmers all over Michigan in the subject of lime for agricultural purposes. The practice of using lime is almost as old as agriculture itself. The Chinese were probably the first to use lime on the soil; it was also used by the Romans, and by them the practice was introduced into England and France. In England the practice of marl the soil has been followed for centuries, and often with very marked results. The first mention of lime in connection with American agriculture is found in the contributions of Rufin in the "American Farmer" in 1818.

Although lime has been used more or less extensively by the farmers of the United States for the past century, its action upon the soil is not generally understood. Lime should never be considered as a fertilizer in the same way that barnyard manure or commercial fertilizers are; it can never take the place of these materials, but should be used in connection with them. Generally speaking, all soils contain a sufficient amount of lime to meet the plant food requirements of crops for all time; consequently, the benefits from lime are shown in another way, and it is usually spoken of as an amendment or modifier because it is capable of correcting conditions that may be不利 to the best growth of plants.

Lime may act upon the soil in three ways, viz.: chemically, physically, and biologically.

**C**hemical action. Lime acts upon the insoluble potash compounds in the soil and changes them into forms available as plant food. This action should not be depended upon, however,

as a means of supplying the crops with available potash to the exclusion of commercial fertilizers, for unless the soil contains an almost unlimited supply of potash we are only hastening the time when the soil will be depleted of this form of plant food.

Whether or not lime affects the assimilative power of the soil is a disputed question.

The most important chemical action of lime upon soils is to correct acidity. Soils that have been cultivated for a great many years may become acid due to the accumulation of organic acids produced by the decomposition of organic matter. Many crops are affected by an acid condition of the soil, and in such cases are greatly benefited by the addition of some form of lime or material containing lime, such as charcoal, hard wood ashes, etc.

**P**hysical action. Lime, clay, gypsum, and sand, when added to the soil, affect the soil condition by the addition of lime, and act beneficially upon a soil in this condition by binding the fine particles together, thus making the soil more friable and easy of cultivation. It also makes it more open and porous, thus facilitating the movement of air and water in the soil. The action of lime on sandy soils is quite the reverse, or that on clay soils, since it tends to gather the loose particles of sand and makes the soil more retentive of moisture.

**B**iological action. The decomposition of organic matter added to the soil in the form of manure, manure, green manure, stubble, etc., is brought about by the action of the numberless bacteria that live in the soil. Certain of the soil bacteria living in connection with the roots of legumes, such as the clovers, vetches, alfalfa, beans, and peas, are able to take nitrogen from the air and change it into a form that is available to plants. In order for these bacteria to accomplish the most good, the soil condition must be favorable for their best development, and this condition is brought about by the addition of some form of lime.

There are several forms of lime that may be used for agricultural purposes, and the choice of the form should depend upon the purpose for which it is to be used, and also upon the price.

Burned lime is known also as stone lime, lump lime, quick lime, and calcined lime. This form of lime is extracted from the raw lime by burning. This is the most active form of lime and may be used at the rate of 700 to 1,000 pounds per acre. Much larger quantities are sometimes used, but the above amount should be sufficient in most cases. This form is usually obtained in large lumps and must be slaked before being applied to the soil. This is conveniently done by placing it in small piles about the field of one or two bushels each and covering with two or three inches of moist earth. The lime will absorb the moisture from the soil and gradually break down into a powdery form, when it may be spread with a shovel. Ground-burned lime is also found on the market, in which condition it may be readily applied to the soil.

Hydrated lime: When burned lime is treated with water it forms what is known as hydrated lime. This form is somewhat caustic than burned lime and is always in a powdery form and may be readily applied to the soil. Seventy-four pounds of this form of lime are equivalent to fifty-six pounds of burned lime; consequently it should be used at the rate of about 900 to 1,200 pounds per acre.

Air-slaked lime: When burned lime is left to the action of the air it takes up moisture and carbon dioxide and gradually breaks down into a fine

powder. This form of lime should be applied in about the same quantity as the hydrated lime.

Ground lime stone: When ground lime stone is used it should be pulverized so that at least 75 per cent will pass through a sieve of 80 mesh to the inch. The value of the ground lime stone depends quite largely upon its fineness. This form of lime is not caustic, and it may be applied to the soil in almost any quantity without fear of causing harm; however, the usual application would be 1,500 to 2,000 pounds per acre. One hundred pounds of ground lime stone are equivalent to fifty-six pounds of burned lime, or seventy-four pounds of hydrated lime.

Refuse lime from sugar factories: This form of lime, when it can be obtained dry and in powder form, is a good source of lime. It is partly hydrated and partly carbonated, and is consequently very similar to air-slaked lime and should be used in about the same amounts. This lime also contains small amounts of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potassium absorbed from the beet juices.

Marl is found quite extensively throughout the state, and many of the deposits are very pure calcium carbonate. In a dry powdery form may be used as a substitute for lime in the proportions recommended for ground lime stone.

The burned lime, hydrated lime and air-slaked lime are caustic, diminishing in degree, however, in the order named. The lime powder is irritating to the skin and nostrils, and its application to the soil is usually attended with more or less discomfort by the persons applying the lime. The ground lime stone is not caustic, and consequently is not irritating to the skin.

When the lime is to be applied to heavy clay soils to correct the physical condition the burned lime or hydrated lime are recommended, these forms act more rapidly than the ground lime stone. However, where the lime is to be used for correcting the soil, the ground lime stone is recommended, providing it can be bought at a reasonable rate. It should cost, laid down at the nearest railroad station, not more than half as much per ton as the burned lime.

"Well, something will," the young woman caller assured her, cheerfully.

"Oh, woe! the cook is packing up to leave this minute!" Now, just for instance consider the time I had getting

here to see you today.

"I really started yesterday afternoon, but while I was dressing Millie's maid next door called me up and said that Mrs. Metcalf had fallen downstairs and would I please come?

"So I went in a dressing gown with my hair pinned up and the rest

taking care of myself."

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"Oh, woe! the cook is packing up to leave this minute!" Now, just for instance consider the time I had getting

here to see you today.

"I'm raw how I feel, and he spoke

up and told me that they were very

much in a hurry."

"It does seem an awful shame for

him to pay as much rent a year for

such a small room as it would take

to buy a real nice little home in Krog

ville, but when I spoke to him about

it he just laughed and said: 'That's

no right mother, but I couldn't eat

enough money at my trade in Krog

ville to buy a chicken coop.'

"You know, Jim's a lawyer, and

we're a kind of peaceful neighborhood

around here, aren't we? I suppose he's better off there in the city, but sometimes since I've been home I

get to feeling mighty sorry for him

and Merle, perched up there in the

eight story of that building.

"When I found out that children

weren't allowed in that building I said

to Merle: 'For heaven's sake, move

to some place where you can move

freely if you want to.' Merle just

smiled and said they were very com-

fortable where they were for the present.

"Merle is always smiling and po-

lite, but she can't pretty him when

she feels like it. One day when I

was round to the drug store on the

next corner—that's as far as they'd

let me go alone—and I came into the

little reception hall all out of breath.

Merle said: 'Mother, I do believe you

walked all the way upstairs.'

"Well, what of it?" I asked. 'Aren't my legs meant for use?'

"They aren't meant to climb seven

flights of stairs, and you isn't meant to again,' she said. 'I'm wouldn't like it if I had to smile at that, because

I were her bitter enemy instead of a friend; so the conversation drove me into a headache and I couldn't come over here after she left. Anyhow, we

were having company for dinner and

the cook spilled the soup at the last

minute all over the salad, which stood

ready on the kitchen table, so that

she gave me enough to occupy me for

the rest of the day and evening.

"I was going to the opera tonight

with Tom Grummett and this morning

he telephoned that the uncle who is

going to leave him a lot of money

some day had wired that he'd be in

town to meet him for the evening,

so of course the opera engagement

was off. We're all of us glad to help

Tom out with his uncle, because Tom

really needs the money.

"Then Alice Gaylord who had asked

us to luncheon today sent telephone messages around at 11 o'clock saying her mother's aunt who lies

with them had unexpectedly died of apoplexy at the breakfast table. Later on I felt that I simply must get out of doors and shake off the gloom which oppressed me. I ordered my electric

brought around and the boy from the garage ran into a lamp post and knocked all the varnish off the machine, and on the way here I saw a street car accident. So you can understand that I'm a little bit upset!"

"You poor dear!" said the hostess.

"I should say you had been—There's

the postman!"

She came back reading a souvenir

post card. "My second cousin, who

has five children, writes from the

country that they're on their way west

and that they will stop with me for a few days," she announced. "And I've only

one guest room and I expect to enter

tain the bridge club tomorrow night!"

"I told you so!" murmured the young woman visitor. "It's hit you, too!"

**Taking Charges.**

"I have sent that holiness another letter protesting my affection and asking her to marry me," said Count Fuchas.

"You want to be careful how you put

that sort of thing into the mails," re-

sponded the frank friend.

"The post office department is getting mighty strict

about anything that looks like a get-

rich-quick enterprise."

**When the Hogs Gnaw Paws.**

When the hogs begin chewing at the

woodwork of their pens you can be

sure they want to gnaw at something

other than what you are feeding them.

Give the hogs variety."

## HER TRAIL OF TROUBLE.

## VISITING AT JIM'S.

### PANACEA FOR CURE.

He Who Is Tempted to Shirk His Responsibility Must Lecture Himself and Refuse to Be Discouraged.

We all have days of discouragement and moments when we shall be glad to run away from our troubles and responsibilities in these times of de-

pression and disengagement when we feel that we amount to but little

and doubt whether, after all, life is worth while, there is always danger

of playing the coward, of doing some

thing that we shall be ashamed of later.

It is better never to take an im-

portant step or make a radical

change when discouraged.

When everything seems dark ahead

and you cannot see another step, then say to yourself: "I guess it is

up to me now to play the part of a man."

grit your teeth and push on,

knowing that no matter how black

the clouds are, there is a sun behind them which will ultimately burst through. You will be sur-

prised to find what power and con-

fidence are developed by this holding on

as best you can:

After becoming better acquainted

with the mighty reserve which is in

you, you will learn that you can de-

pend upon it, that it will come to

you rescue in your hour of need.

I have known young men to play